Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know how long this question of the revision of the Grant-in-Aid Code has been under the consideration of the hon. the Minister ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" For the last two and a half years."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know, Sir, the reason for this delay of two years and a half to revise the Grant-in-Aid Code ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" It is a complicated question requiring detailed consideration."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : —" May I know, Sir, when he expects to be in a position to issue orders ? The wording 'as early as possible' in the answer does not convey any idea of time."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I cannot say when the revised Code will be ready."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether it will be revised before the end of this Council ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" It has been answered."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, if this question is complicated owing to its connexion with the amendment of the Elementary Education Bill ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" No, Sir. It has no connexion with the Elementary Education Bill."

Proposed reduction of grants for the purchase of scientific appliances.

*35 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have come to any decision regarding the proposed reduction of grants for the purchase of scientific appliances from two-thirds to half ;

(b) what are the replies received by the Director of Public Instruction on the matter from the headmasters of schools ; and

(c) how the Government propose to utilize the savings effected ?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have decided that the system of giving grants equal to two-thirds of the cost of buildings and equipment required for the teaching of scientific subjects might continue for the present.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know what the phrase 'for the present' in the answer means ? Does the Government propose to reconsider the question ? If so, when ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I cannot give any undertaking on this question ? "

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" I am asking, Sir, for an explanation of the phrase 'for the present'. I am also asking whether Government have adjourned the consideration of the question *sine die*, or when they propose to consider the question."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I think my hon. Friend is as much an expert in English as anybody else, and he should know the meaning."

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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"I am not the Minister, Sir; I am not the author of this phrase. I am asking the meaning of the phrase which he should know better."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"This is not the time for it. The hon. Member may put his supplementary question."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"I am asking the question by putting counter-arguments."

Local Boards

Fixing of polling stations for taluk board elections.

* 36 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state with reference to his answer to question No. 1847 answered on 25th March 1929 regarding number of polling stations in Bellary and Adoni taluk boards, whether the Government have issued instructions that each Revenue Inspector's firka should be a circle for election of members to a taluk board?

A.—No.

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—"May I know whether any orders have been issued regarding the number of villages, the area of the taluk, etc., comprising the circle, in fixing polling stations?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"It is a matter within the discretion of the District Board."

Nominations to the South Arcot District Board.

* 37 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are now any Muslim members on the District Board of South Arcot, and, if so, when they were respectively appointed;

(b) who the member was that was appointed in October 1928 in the place vacated by a Muslim member;

(c) the number of vacancies with dates that subsequently happened in the membership of the Board; and

(d) the names of those that were appointed to each vacancy as it arose?

A.—(a) Yes, two elected members, whose membership has effect from the 12th June 1928.

(b) M.R.Ry. P. K. Ramachandra Padayachi Avargal, M.L.C.

(c) Two; one on the 29th September 1928 and the other on the 23rd February 1929.

(d) M.R.Ry. A. T. Muthukomaraswami Chettiyar Avargal and M.R.Ry. A. Upendra Pai Avargal, respectively.

Nomination of the District Board President, Malabar.

* 38 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state why he resorted to nomination in the case of presidentship of the District Board of Malabar when the District Board had asked for the right of electing its own president?